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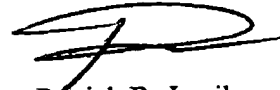
Applicants submit that Indermuhle et al. is not prior art to the present application, as both Indermuhle et al. and the present application claim priority to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/184,381, filed on February 23, 2000 and 60/225,999, filed on August 16, 2000. The priority claim in the present application was made in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on June 24, 2003 (see MPEP 201.11, III. D; p. 200-64; Rev. 3, August 2005). A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is currently viewable on the U.S.P.T.O.'s PAIR system (patent application information retrieval system) and is indicated on the PAIR system as having been filed with the application. Since Indermuhle et al. is not prior art to the present application, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Upon review of the Official Filing Receipt, it appears that the USPTO omitted the claim to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/184,381, even though the claim was made in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the Application. Applicants are therefore filing herewith appropriate papers to correct the Official Filing Receipt.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

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